

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Derek Voiles on being selected as the 2016-2017 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Derek Voiles of Hamblen County is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Voiles was recently named the 2016-2017 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Lincoln Heights Middle School in Morristown, Derek Voiles received the State's top teaching honor during the annual Teacher of the Year banquet. He was further honored as the Grand Division winner for East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Voiles is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his school community, Derek Voiles is often sought out by other educators for guidance on how to improve their own practices to individualize instruction for all students; in recent years, his classroom has become a "teaching classroom" where educators from Hamblen County and surrounding districts can observe with the intention of replicating his practices and results; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Voiles truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Derek Voiles on being chosen as the 2016-2017 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.